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## TITLE OF INVENTION

COMMUNICATIONS TERMINAL AND METHODS FOR COMPRESSING AND/OR DECOMPRESSING  
RECEIVED MESSAGES OR MESSAGES TO BE TRANSMITTED

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TITLE OF THE INVENTION

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terminals (point to point) and to a multiplicity of subscriber terminals (broadcast mode). Because the transmission rate or the number of characters to be transmitted per message is limited, there is a need for compression of the text messages to be transmitted.

5           The present invention is directed toward specifying a technical teaching with which the compression and decompression of text messages is possible in a way which is appropriate for the particular requirements of the transmission of text messages via mobile radio systems.

#### SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

10           The idea according to the present invention is based here on the concept of equipping subscriber identity modules (SIM), which are usually present in mobile phones, with functions for compressing and/or decompressing received messages or messages to be transmitted. This solution has various advantages. On the one hand, a network operator can use its own compression and decompression  
15 algorithm. On the other hand, mobile phones which are already available on the market and which support corresponding subscriber identity modules can be expanded by using a new subscriber identity module or else by reconfiguring an existing subscriber identity module with the described functional feature.

          Accordingly, in an embodiment of the present invention, a communications  
20 terminal is provided which includes a part for receiving messages, a part for transmitting messages, and parts for interacting with the subscriber identity module which can be exchanged by a user, the subscriber identity module having functions for compressing messages to be transmitted and for decompressing received messages.

25           In an embodiment, the functions for compressing and decompressing are divided between the communications terminal and the subscriber identity module such that two different subscriber identity modules can permit two different methods for compressing and/or decompressing messages to be carried out in conjunction with the same communications terminal.

In an embodiment, the functions for compressing and/or decompressing messages are carried out by devices or software objects which are assigned to the subscriber identity module and not to the communications terminal.

5 In a further embodiment of the present invention, a method is provided for decompressing a received message in a communications terminal, wherein the method includes the steps of detecting, with a device of the communications terminal, via a feature of the received message, that the message is a compressed message, and passing on the message via a device of the communications terminal, to the subscriber identity module for compression.

10 In yet another embodiment of the present invention, a method is provided for compressing a message to be transmitted in a communications terminal, wherein the method includes the steps of passing on a message to be transmitted to the subscriber identity module for compression, compressing the message via the subscriber identity module using functions which are assigned to the subscriber  
15 identity module and, after compression, sending the message back to the communications terminal for transmission.

Additional features and advantages of the present invention are described in, and will be apparent from, the following Detailed Description of the Invention and the Figures.

## 20 BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE FIGURES

Figure 1 shows a schematic view of a communications terminal according to the present invention.

Figure 2 shows a schematic view of how the decompression sequence conventionally proceeds (prior art).

25 Figure 3 shows a schematic view of how the decompression sequence according to the present invention proceeds.

Figure 4 shows a schematic view of how the compression sequence conventionally proceeds (prior art).

30 Figure 5 shows a schematic view of how the compression sequence according to the present invention proceeds.

## DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

Referring to Fig. 1, a communications terminal (KE) is shown which includes parts for receiving (RM) and for transmitting (SM) messages and parts for interacting (IM) with a subscriber identity module (SIM) which can be exchanged  
5 by a user. The subscriber identity module includes functions (DKF) for compressing and decompressing received messages or messages to be transmitted. The messages are received or transmitted via what is referred to as an air interface (AI).

According to one preferred exemplary embodiment of the present invention,  
10 the functions for compressing and decompressing received messages or messages to be transmitted are divided between the terminal and the subscriber identity module in such a way that two different subscriber identity modules (SIM) can permit two different methods for compressing and decompressing messages to be carried out in conjunction with the same terminal.

According to another preferred embodiment of the invention, all the  
15 functions for compressing and decompressing received messages or messages to be transmitted are carried out by device or software objects which are assigned to the subscriber identity module (SIM) and not to the terminal.

Referring to Fig. 3, in a method for decompressing a received message in a  
20 communications terminal according to the present invention, a device of the terminal detects, via a feature of this message (for example, what is referred to as the message header), that the message is a compressed message. This device or a further device of the terminal subsequently passes on this message to the subscriber identity module for decompression. This sequence is in contrast to the  
25 conventional decompression sequence as shown in Fig. 2.

Referring to Fig. 5, during the compression of a message to be transmitted  
in a communications terminal according to the present invention, a message to be transmitted is passed on to the subscriber identity module for compression and is compressed there using functions which are assigned to the subscriber identity  
30 module, and after compression is sent back to the terminal for transmission. This sequence is in contrast to the convention compression sequence as shown in Fig. 4.

As result of the present invention, the algorithm for compressing or decompressing is carried out on the subscriber identity module (SIM) and is usually implemented as a chip card. The received text messages are conveyed to the SIM, which automatically detects whether the message is compressed, and if it is, decompresses it in accordance with the algorithm to be applied. The decompressed message can then be displayed. If text messages are to be transmitted, they are conveyed, before the actual transmission, to the SIM where they are compressed, if necessary. This can be carried out, for example, as a function of the number of characters. For smaller quantities of data, the compression could also be dispensed with.

The solution according to the present invention differs from known approaches for data compression especially in that the compression or decompression is not carried out by the terminal itself but rather by the exchangeable subscriber identity module. This provides maximum flexibility.

This does not necessarily mean that all the functions or functional units which are required or involved in the compression or decompression have to be carried out or implemented on the subscriber identity module. The advantages of the present invention are always obtained if the functions or functional units which are characteristic of a compression or decompression method which is used or is to be used or are characteristic of a number of such methods are carried out or implemented on the subscriber identity module. Such functions or functional units which are a characteristic of a method can be algorithms or software modules which implement them. In addition, they can be sets of parameters; for example, language-dependent or country-dependent tables.

On the other hand, general functions or functional units which are present in the communications terminal, in any case, and are not specific to a compression method or decompression method, for example processors, memory units etc., do not generally need to be a component of the subscriber identity module. The entirety of all the functions required for the method sequence can nevertheless interact beyond the limits of the subscriber identity module.

If the subscriber identity module is exchanged, the functions, parameters, or the like which are characteristic of a specific data compression method or decompression method are exchanged with it. As a result, it becomes possible, depending on the type of subscriber identity module installed, to use different data  
5 compression methods or decompression methods in conjunction with this terminal.

Although the present invention has been described with reference to specific embodiments, those of skill in the art will recognize that changes may be made thereto without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention as set forth in the hereafter appended claims.



## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Communications terminal and methods for compressing and/or decompressing received messages or messages to be transmitted wherein, if all the functions, or at least certain functions, for compressing and/or decompressing received messages or messages to be transmitted are accommodated on the subscriber identity module of a communications terminal and are not in devices of the terminal itself, comfortable use of various specific algorithms is possible with the same terminal or even with terminals which have not been equipped with such functions by the manufacturer.

**In the Claims:**

On page 6, cancel line 1 and substitute the following left-hand justified heading therefore:

5 CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-5, without prejudice, and substitute the following claims therefore:

6. A communications terminal, comprising:  
a part for receiving messages;  
10 a part for transmitting messages; and  
parts for interacting with a subscriber identity module which can be exchanged by a user, the subscriber identity module having functions for compressing messages to be transmitted and for decompressing received messages.

15 7. A communications terminal as claimed in claim 6, wherein the functions for compressing and decompressing are divided between the communications terminal and the subscriber identity module such that two different subscriber identity modules can permit two different methods for at least one of compressing and decompressing messages to be carried out in conjunction with the  
20 same communications terminal.

8. A communications terminal as claimed in claim 7, wherein the functions for compressing and decompressing are carried out by one of devices and software objects which are assigned to the subscriber identity module and not to the  
25 communications terminal.

9. A method for decompressing a received message in a communications terminal, the method comprising the steps of:  
detecting, with a device of the communications terminal, via a  
30 feature of the received message, that the message is a compressed message; and

passing on the message, via a device of the communications terminal, to the subscriber identity module for decompression.

10. A method for compressing a message to be transmitted in a communications terminal, the method comprising the steps of:

passing on a message to be transmitted to the subscriber identity module for compression;

compressing the message, via the subscriber identity module, using functions which are assigned to the subscriber identity module; and

10 sending the message back to the communications terminal for transmission after compression.

#### REMARKS

The present amendment makes editorial changes and corrects typographical errors in the specification, which includes the Abstract, in order to conform the specification to the requirements of United States Patent Practice. No new matter is added thereby.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned **“Versions with Markings to Show Changes Made.”**

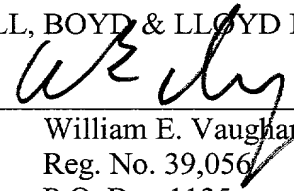
20 In addition, the present amendment cancels original claims 1-5 in favor of new claims 6-10. Claims 6-10 have been presented solely because the revisions by crossing out underlining which would have been necessary in claims 1-5 in order to present those claims in accordance with preferred United States Patent Practice would have been too extensive, and thus would have been too burdensome. The present amendment is intended for clarification purposes only and not for substantial reasons related to patentability pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §§101, 102, 103 or 25 112. Indeed, the cancellation of claims 1-5 does not constitute an intent on the part of the Applicants to surrender any of the subject matter of claims 1-5.

Early consideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

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SPECIFICATION

TITLE OF THE INVENTION

COMMUNICATIONS TERMINAL AND METHODS

FOR COMPRESSING AND/OR DECOMPRESSING

5 RECEIVED MESSAGES OR MESSAGES TO BE TRANSMITTED

Description

~~Communications terminal and methods for compressing and/or decompressing  
received messages or messages to be transmitted~~

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

10 The GSM standard (Global System for Mobile Communication) mobile  
radio system which has been adopted throughout the world provides the possibility  
of transmitting text messages. This can be carried out both between two subscriber  
terminals (point to point) ~~or also~~ and to a multiplicity of subscriber terminals  
(broadcast mode). Because the transmission rate or the number of characters to be  
15 transmitted per message is limited, there is a need for compression of the text  
messages to be transmitted.

The present invention is ~~based on the object of~~ directed toward specifying a  
technical teaching with which the compression and decompression of text messages  
is possible in a way which is appropriate for the particular requirements of the  
20 transmission of text messages ~~by means of~~ via mobile radio systems. ~~This object  
is achieved according to the present invention by means of a communications  
terminal as claimed in claim 1, and by means of a method for decompressing a  
received message in a communications terminal, and by means of a method for  
compressing a message to be transmitted in a communications terminal as claimed  
in claim 5.~~

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SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The idea according to the present invention is based here on the concept of  
equipping subscriber identity modules (SIM)<sub>s</sub> which are usually present in mobile  
phones, with functions for compressing and/or decompressing received messages  
30 or messages to be transmitted. This solution has various advantages. On the one  
hand, a network operator can use its own compression and decompression

algorithm. On the other hand, mobile phones which are already available on the market and which support corresponding subscriber identity modules can be expanded by using a new subscriber identity module or else by reconfiguring an existing subscriber identity module with the described functional feature.

5        Accordingly, in an embodiment of the present invention, is provided which includes a part for receiving messages, a part for transmitting messages, and parts and for decompressing received messages.

10        In an embodiment, the functions for compressing and decompressing are divided between the communications terminal and the subscriber identity module such that two different subscriber identity modules can permit two different methods for compressing and/or decompressing messages to be carried out in conjunction with the same communications terminal.

15        In an embodiment, the functions for compressing and/or decompressing messages are carried out by devices or software objects which are assigned to the subscriber identity module and not to the communications terminal.

20        In a further embodiment of the present invention, a method is provided for decompressing a received message in a communications terminal, wherein the method includes the steps of detecting, with a device of the communications terminal, via a feature of the received message, that the message is a compressed message, and passing on the message via a device of the communications terminal, to the subscriber identity module for compression.

25        In yet another embodiment of the present invention, a method is provided for compressing a message to be transmitted in a communications terminal, wherein the method includes the steps of passing on a message to be transmitted to the subscriber identity module for compression, compressing the message via the subscriber identity module using functions which are assigned to the subscriber identity module and, after compression, sending the message back to the communications terminal for transmission.

30        Additional features and advantages of the present invention are described in, and will be apparent from, the following Detailed Description of the Invention and the Figures.

Advantageous developments of the invention are the subject matter of the subordinate patent claims.

The invention will be explained in more detail below with reference to preferred exemplary embodiments and a figure.

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#### BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE FIGURES

Figure 1 shows a schematic view of a communications terminal (~~KE~~) according to the present invention. This communication terminal comprises means for receiving (RM) and for transmitting (SM) messages and means (IM) for interacting with a the subscriber identity module (SIM) which can be exchanged by a user. The subscriber identity module comprises functions (DKF) for compressing and decompressing received messages or messages to be transmitted. The messages are received or transmitted via what is referred to as an air interface (AI).

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Figure 2 shows a schematic view of how the decompression sequence conventionally proceeds (prior art).

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Figure 5 shows a schematic view of how the compression sequence according to the present invention proceeds.

The invention will be described in more detail below using preferred exemplary embodiments and with reference to the figures.

#### DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

Referring to Fig. 1, a communications terminal (KE) is shown which includes parts for receiving (RM) and for transmitting (SM) messages and parts for interacting (IM) with a subscriber identity module (SIM) which can be exchanged by a user. The subscriber identity module includes functions (DKF) for compressing and decompressing received messages or messages to be transmitted. The messages are received or transmitted via what is referred to as an air interface (AI).

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According to one preferred exemplary embodiment of the present invention, the functions for compressing and decompressing received messages or messages to be transmitted are divided between the terminal and the subscriber identity module in such a way that two different subscriber identity modules (SIM) can permit two different methods for compressing and decompressing messages to be carried out in conjunction with the same terminal.

According to another preferred embodiment of the invention, all the functions for compressing and decompressing received messages or messages to be transmitted are carried out by device or software objects which are assigned to the subscriber identity module (SIM) and not to the terminal.

~~In Referring to Fig. 3, in~~ a method for decompressing a received message in a communications terminal according to the present invention, a device of the terminal detects, ~~by means of~~ via a feature of this message (for example, what is referred to as the message header), that the message is a compressed message. This device or a further device of the terminal subsequently passes on this message to the subscriber identity module for decompression. This sequence is in contrast to the conventional decompression sequence as shown in Fig. 2.

Referring to Fig. 5, during ~~During~~ the compression of a message to be transmitted in a communications terminal according to the present invention, a message to be transmitted is passed on to the subscriber identity module for compression and is compressed there using functions which are assigned to the subscriber identity module, and after compression is sent back to the terminal for transmission. This sequence is in contrast to the convention compression sequence as shown in Fig. 4.

As result of the present invention, the algorithm for compressing or decompressing is carried out on the subscriber identity module (SIM) and is usually implemented as a chip card. The received text messages are conveyed to the SIM, which automatically detects whether the message is compressed, and if it is, decompresses it in accordance with the algorithm to be applied. The decompressed message can then be displayed. If text messages are to be transmitted, they are conveyed, before the actual transmission, to the SIM where



they are compressed, if necessary. This can be carried out, for example, as a function of the number of characters; ~~for~~ For smaller quantities of data, the compression could also be dispensed with.

5 The solution according to the present invention differs from known approaches for data compression especially in that the compression or decompression is not carried out by the terminal itself but rather by the exchangeable subscriber identity module. This provides maximum flexibility.

10 This does not necessarily mean that all the functions or functional units which are required or involved in the compression or decompression have to be carried out or implemented on the subscriber identity module. The advantages of the present invention are always obtained if the functions or functional units which are characteristic of a compression or decompression method which is used or is to be used or are characteristic of a plurality number of such methods are carried out or implemented on the subscriber identity module. Such functions or functional  
15 units which are a characteristic of a method can be algorithms or software modules which implement them. In addition, they can be sets of parameters; for example, language-dependent or country-dependent tables.

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20 method or decompression method, for example processors, memory units etc., do not generally need to be a component of the subscriber identity module. The entirety of all the functions required for the method sequence can nevertheless interact beyond the limits of the subscriber identity module.

If the subscriber identity module is exchanged, the functions, parameters, or  
25 the like which are characteristic of a specific data compression method or decompression method are exchanged with it. As a result, it becomes possible, depending on the type of subscriber identity module installed, to use different data compression methods or decompression methods in conjunction with this terminal.

30 Although the present invention has been described with reference to specific embodiments, those of skill in the art will recognize that changes may be

made thereto without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention as set forth in the hereafter appended claims.

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

### ~~Abstract~~

Communications terminal and methods for compressing and/or decompressing received messages or messages to be transmitted wherein, if ~~If~~ all  
5 the functions, or at least certain functions, for compressing and/or decompressing  
received messages or messages to be transmitted are accommodated on the  
subscriber identity module of a communications terminal and are not in devices of  
the terminal itself, comfortable use of various specific algorithms is possible with  
the same terminal or even with terminals which have not been equipped with such  
10 functions by the manufacturer.

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## Description

Communications terminal and methods for compressing  
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5 be transmitted

The GSM standard (Global System for Mobile  
Communication) mobile radio system which has been  
adopted throughout the world provides the possibility  
10 of transmitting text messages. This can be carried out  
both between two subscriber terminals (point to point)  
or also to a multiplicity of subscriber terminals  
(broadcast mode). Because the transmission rate or the  
number of characters to be transmitted per message is  
15 limited, there is a need for compression of the text  
messages to be transmitted.

The present invention is based on the object of  
specifying a technical teaching with which the  
compression and decompression of text messages is  
20 possible in a way which is appropriate for the  
particular requirements of the transmission of text  
messages by means of mobile radio systems. This object  
is achieved according to the present invention by means  
25 of a communications terminal as claimed in claim 1, and  
by means of a method for decompressing a received  
message in a communications terminal, and by means of a  
method for compressing a message to be transmitted in a  
communications terminal as claimed in claim 5.

30 The idea according to the invention is based here on  
the concept of equipping subscriber identity modules  
(SIM) which are usually present in mobile phones with  
functions for compressing and/or decompressing received  
35 messages or messages to be transmitted. This solution  
has various advantages. On the one hand, a network  
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and which support corresponding subscriber identity modules can be expanded by using a new subscriber identity module or else by reconfiguring an existing subscriber identity module with the described functional feature.

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The invention will be explained in more detail below with reference to preferred exemplary embodiments and a figure.

Figure 1 shows a schematic view of a communications terminal (KE) according to the present invention. This communication terminal comprises means for receiving (RM) and for transmitting (SM) messages and means (IM) for interacting with a subscriber identity module (SIM) which can be exchanged by a user. The subscriber identity module comprises functions (DKF) for compressing and decompressing received messages or messages to be transmitted. The messages are received or transmitted via what is referred to as an air interface (AI).

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are conveyed to the SIM, which automatically detects whether the message is compressed, and if it is decompresses it in accordance with the algorithm to be applied. The decompressed message can then be  
5 displayed. If text messages are to be transmitted, they are conveyed, before the actual transmission, to the SIM where they are compressed if necessary. This can be carried out, for example, as a function of the number of characters; for smaller quantities of data the  
10 compression could also be dispensed with.

The solution according to the invention differs from known approaches for data compression especially in that the compression or decompression is not carried  
15 out by the terminal itself but rather by the exchangeable subscriber identity module. This provides maximum flexibility.

This does not necessarily mean that all the functions or functional units which are required or involved in the compression or decompression have to be carried out or implemented on the subscriber identity module. The advantages of the invention are always obtained if the functions or functional units which are characteristic  
20 of a compression or decompression method which is used or is to be used or are characteristic of a plurality of such methods are carried out or implemented on the subscriber identity module. Such functions or functional units which are a characteristic of a method  
25 can be algorithms or software modules which implement them. In addition, they can be sets of parameters, for example language-dependent or country-dependent tables.

On the other hand, general functions or functional  
35 units which are present in the communications terminal in any case and are not specific to a compression method or decompression method,



for example processors, memory units etc., do not generally need to be a component of the subscriber identity module. The entirety of all the functions required for the method sequence can nevertheless  
5 interact beyond the limits of the subscriber identity module.

If the subscriber identity module is exchanged, the functions, parameters, or the like which are  
10 characteristic of a specific data compression method or decompression method are exchanged with it. As a result, it becomes possible, depending on the type of subscriber identity module installed, to use different data compression methods or decompression methods in  
15 conjunction with this terminal.

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## Patent claims

1. A communications terminal (KE) having means for receiving (RM) and for transmitting (SM) messages and means for interacting with a subscriber identity module (SIM) which can be exchanged by a user, the subscriber identity module comprising functions (DKF) for compressing and/or decompressing received messages or messages which are to be transmitted.
2. The communications terminal as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that functions for compressing and/or decompressing received messages or messages which are to be transmitted are divided between the terminal and the subscriber identity module in such a way that two different subscriber identity modules can permit two different methods for compressing and/or decompressing messages to be carried out in conjunction with the same terminal.
3. The communications terminal as claimed in claim 2, characterized in that all the functions for compressing and/or decompressing received messages or messages to be transmitted are carried out by devices or software objects which are assigned to the subscriber identity module and not to the terminal.
4. A method for decompressing a received message in a communications terminal, in which a device of the terminal detects, by means of a feature of this message, that the message is a compressed message, and in which a device (IM) of the terminal passes on this message to the subscriber identity module (SIM) for decompression.
5. A method for compressing a message to be transmitted in a communications terminal in which a message to be transmitted

is passed on to the subscriber identity module for compression, compressed there using functions (DKF) which are assigned to the subscriber identity module, and after compression is sent back to the terminal for  
5 transmission.

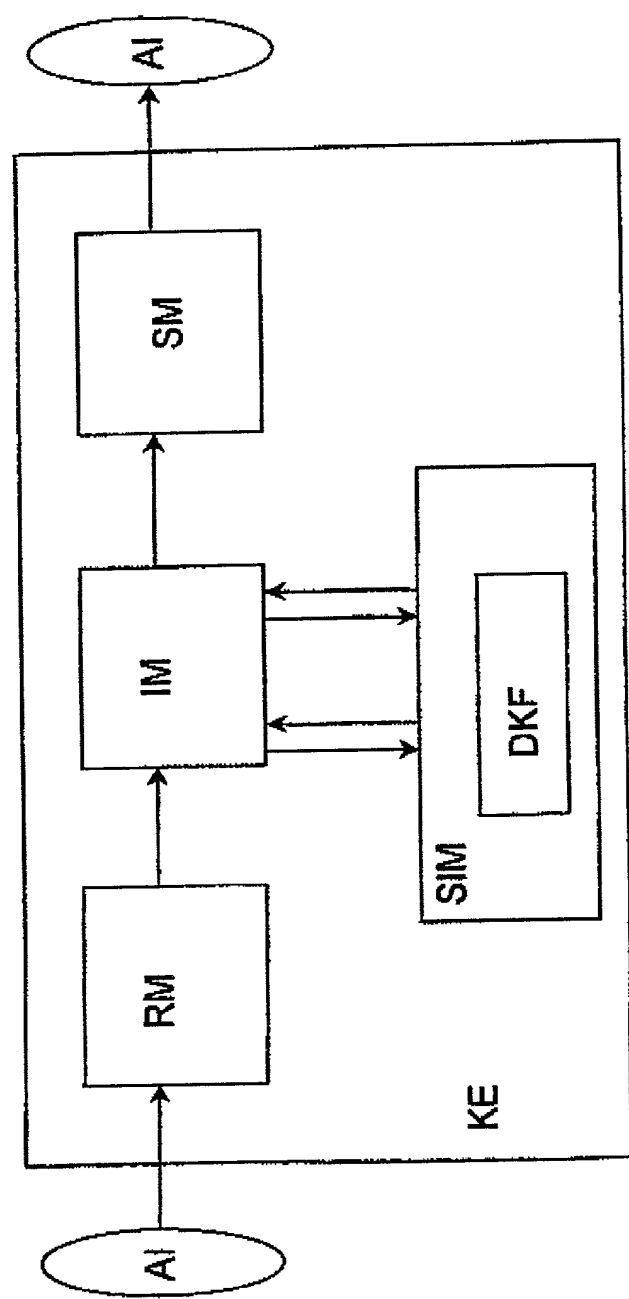


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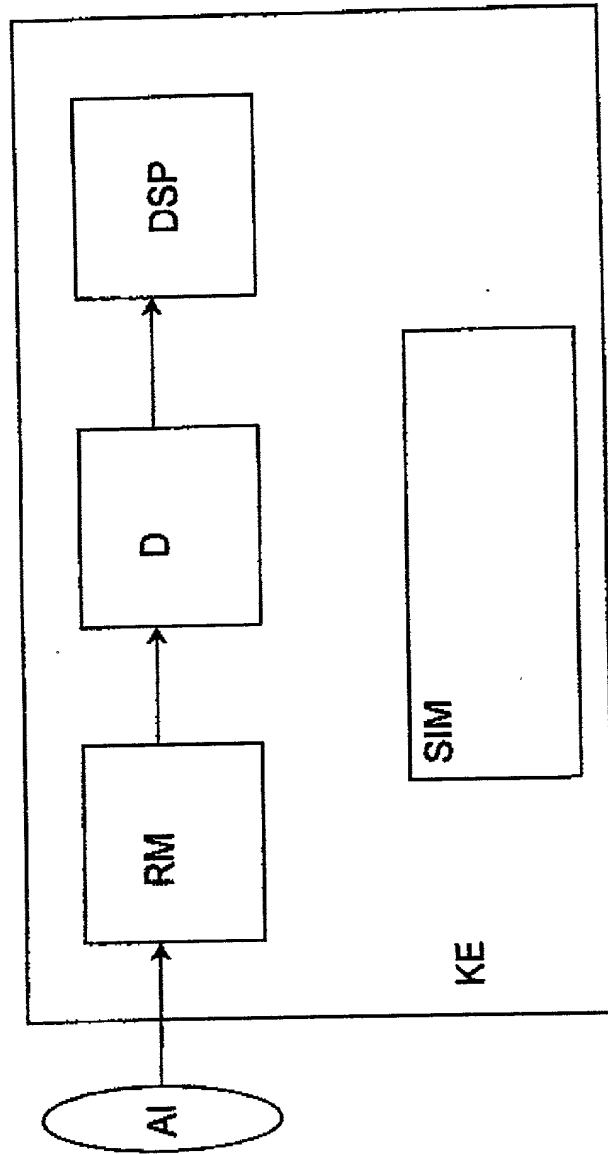


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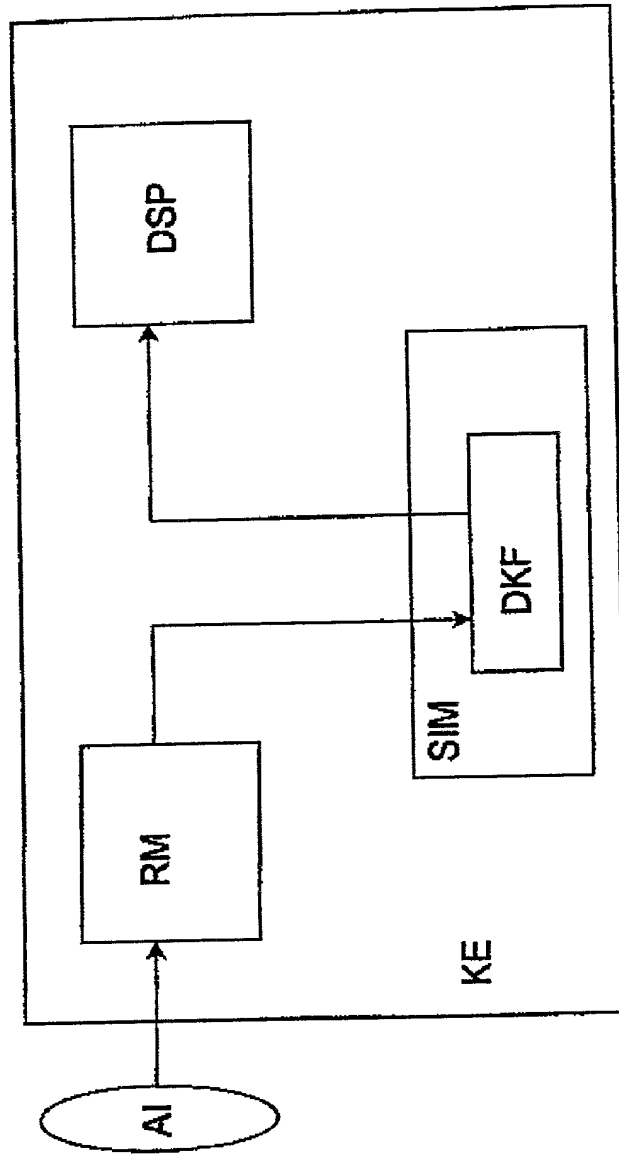


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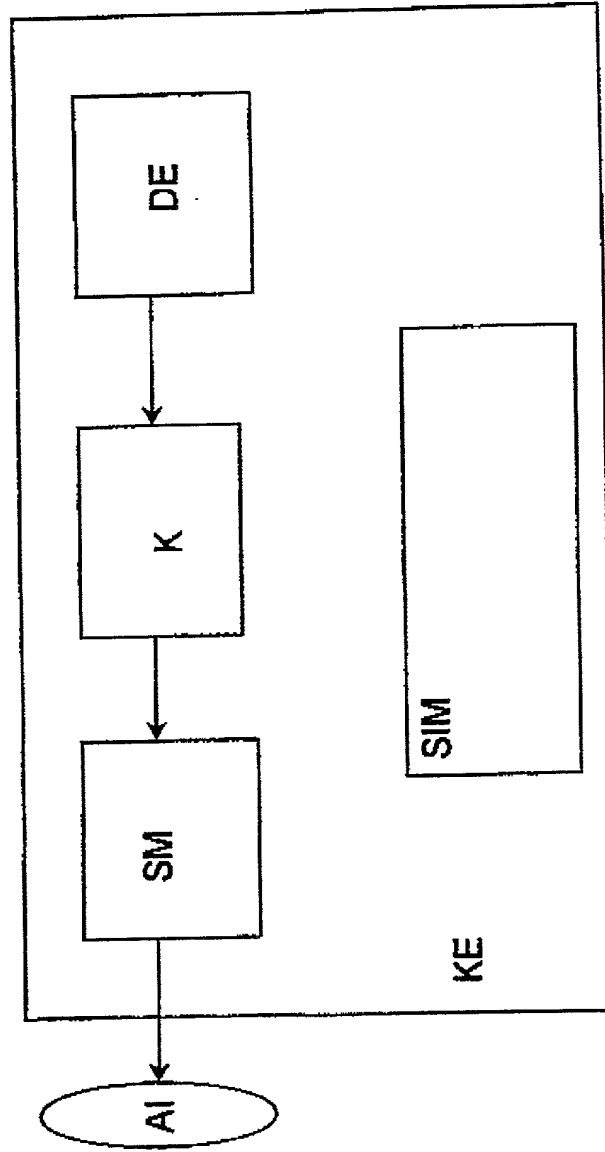


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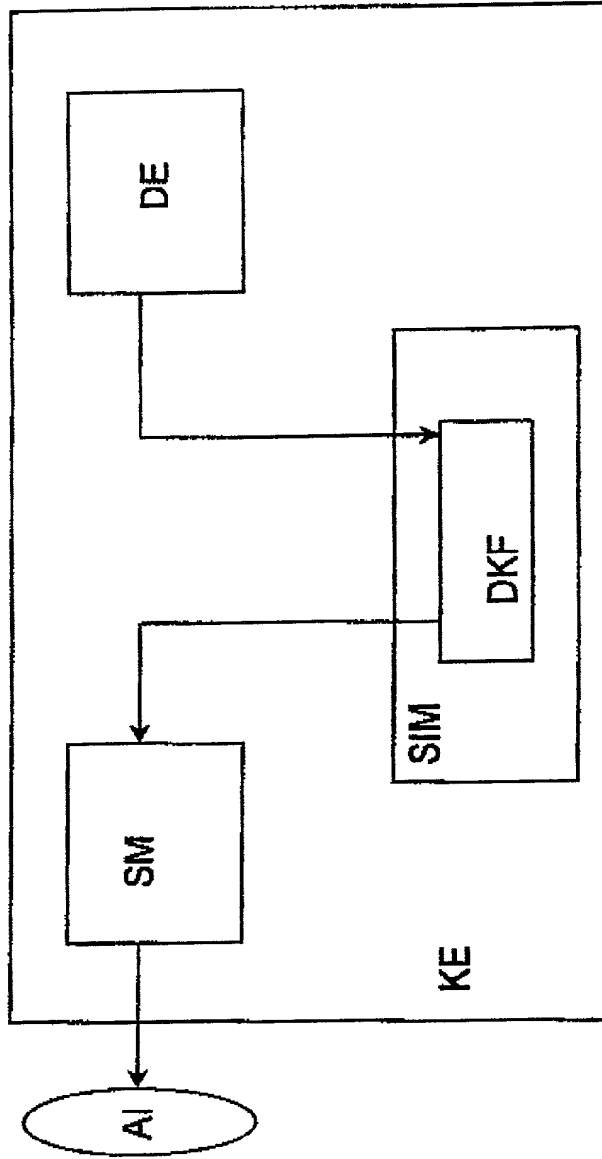


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